

REMARKS

Claims 7-11 and 18-20 are allowed. Claims 16 and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite. Claims 1, 3, 12, and 14 are rejected as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,272,712 to Beling et al, U.S. Patent No. 4,613,799 to Sumi and U.S. Patent No. 5,889,439 to Meyer et al. The Examiner objects to claims 2, 4-6, 13 and 15 as being dependent on a rejected base claim. The Examiner states that claims 2, 4-6, 13 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Formal Rejection

As amended, claims 16 and 17 have been rewritten to address the Examiner's rejections. Each claim is now deemed to be in condition for allowance.

Anticipation Rejection

As amended, independent claims 1 and 12 require "a voltage divider module having a CMOS inverter". Support for the amendment can be found throughout the specification, for example in Fig 2 and in original claims 2 and 13.

Beling is directed to a phase locked loop control system having a voltage divider 24, 26 that is a conventional voltage divider. Sumi is directed to a motor velocity control

circuit having a voltage divider 74 that is also a conventional voltage divider. Meyer is directed to a phase-locked loop with capacitive voltage divider for reducing jitter. The voltage divider 9 disclosed is a capacitive voltage divider. None of the references disclose or suggest the elements recited in independent claims 1 and 12. Dependent claims 2-6 and 13-17 depend respectively from claims 1 and 12. Each dependent claim is deemed patentable at least by virtue of its dependence, notwithstanding the further patentable subject matter contained therein.

Please reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

Allowed Claims

Applicant requests favorable consideration of new claims 21 – 24, which recite patentable features of the previously allowed claims. No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any issue relating to this application.

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